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NEW ORLEANS (UPI)--CLAY L. SHAW IS QUOTED IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF ESQUIRE AS SAYING HE CONSIDERED HIS FIRST QUESTIONING BY DIST. ATTY. JIM GARRISON AS "INTERESTING DINNER CONVERSATION" THAT HE "DID NOT TAKE SERIOUSLY AT ALL."

IN AN ARTICLE BY NOVELIST JAMES KIRKWOOD, SHAW SAID HE WAS CALLED TO GARRISON'S OFFICE DE. 23, 1965, AND WAS ASKED IF HE HAD KNOWN LEE HARVEY OSWALD, THE ACCUSED KILLER OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"THEY'D COME ACROSS THE FACT THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD HAD KNOWN SOMEONE NAMED CLAY BERTRAND WHEN HE WAS IN NEW ORLEANS," SHAW SAID. "THEY'D GONE OVER A LIST OF CLAYS, THOUGHT ABOUT ME, AND WANTED TO KNOW IF I'D KNOWN OSWALD."

LESS THAN THREE MONTHS LATER SHAW WAS ARRESTED ON CHARGES OF CONSCPIRING WITH OSWALD, JACK RUBY, THE LATE DAVID FERRIE AND "OTHERS" TO KILL PRESIDENT KENNEDY.

"I ONLY KNOW I HAD NO PART IN ANY PLOT," SHAW TOLD ESQUIRE.

THE CASE IS BEING HELD UP UNTIL THE U.S. SUPREME COURT ACTS ON A CIVIL RIGHTS COUNTERSUIT SHAW FILED AGAINST GARRISON.

THE ARTICLE BROKE SHAW'S LONG SILENCE ON THE CASE. SINCE HIS ARREST MARCH 1, 1967, SHAW HAS RESTRICTED HIS PUBLIC COMMENTS TO A TERSE DENIAL.

SHAW, 55, WAS ONCE THE MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART AND HAS AUTHORED SEVERAL PLAYS. HE SAID HE IS KEEPING A DAILY JOURNAL OF HIS EXPERIENCES AND MAY PUBLISH IT SOME DAY.

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